

## Missouri General Water Quality Certification for NWP 41, Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches

1. No channelization work may be conducted as part of a project authorized by this permit because of cumulative impacts to watersheds, including flooding, bank instability, loss of aquatic habitat (pool and riffle complexes), bed degradation, loss of stormwater retention and loss of riparian areas. For purposes of this certification, channel modifications are any activities that alter the width, depth, length and/or sinuosity of a waterway. This would include, but is not limited to, moving/relocating, shortening, cutting off, straightening, widening or modifying the cross section of or fills in a stream channel, beyond the original construction contours. This would not include bank sloping activities on the bank being stabilized. Excavating the opposite bank of a stabilization project or the stream channel bed for the purpose of redirecting flow are considered channelization activities.